IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

Group Art Unit: 1711

SINCLAIR et al.

Examiner: Hampton-Hightower, P.

Serial No.: 09/244,324

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

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SHERIDAN ROSS P.C.

Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants, through their attorneys, respectfully petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) of two (2) months to respond to the Office Action mailed on September 11, 2000, with respect to the above-identified application, thereby extending the period for response from December 11, 2000, to February 11, 2001.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$390.00 as payment of the extension fee. Please credit any overpayment or debit any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Respectfully submitted,

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